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Applicant(s): INJECTIMED, INC.

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For: NEEDLE TIP GUARD FOR
HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 3, 2003, please consider the rejection of the claims, namely, Claims 14-23, in view of the following comments.

REMARKS

Presently, Claims 14-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Woehr, et al. (United States Patent Number 6,117,108). According to the Office Action, the cited patent shows in Figures 1-11b, a needle protective device comprising an elongate needle having proximal and distal ends and a change of axis formed intermediate the proximal and distal ends; a needle guard mounted on the needle and slideable along a portion of the needle between the